

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1091.

(Given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act.)

MISBRANDING OF DR. DETCHON'S RELIEF FOR RHEUMATISM AND DR. DETCHON'S RELIEF FOR RHEUMATISM TABLETS.

At the May term of the District Court of the United States for the District of Indiana the grand jurors of the United States in the aforesaid district returned an indictment against I. A. Detchon, of Crawfordsville, within said district, charging in two counts shipments by him, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on July 3, 1910, from the State of Indiana into the District of Columbia, of certain drugs denominated "Dr. Detchon's Relief for Rheumatism" and "Dr. Detchon's Relief for Rheumatism Tablets," respectively, both of which drugs were misbranded. The cartons and packages containing said products were respectively labeled as follows: "Dr. Detchon's relief for rheumatism, formerly sold as Mystic Cure for Rheumatism and Neuralgia. The peculiar power of this remedy to relieve the severest cases of inflammatory rheumatism in a few hours is very wonderful. It removes the cause from the system and the disease quickly disappears. Serial No. 3512. Guaranteed by Dr. I. A. Detchon, Crawfordsville, Indiana. Price \$1.00. Relief for rheumatism, lumbago, or rheumatism of the back, and neuralgia in its various forms, such as neuralgia of the face and head, neuralgia of the heart, neuralgia of the stomach and bowels, etc." "Detchon's relief for rheumatism tablets. Formerly sold as Mystic Cure Tablets for Rheumatism and Neuralgia. Sugar Coated. Easy to take. Guaranteed by Dr. I. A. Detchon under the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906. Serial No. 3512. Distributed by Dr. I. A. Detchon Chemical Co., Crawfordsville, Indiana. Price \$1.00. Table S. Relieves acute rheumatism or inflammatory rheumatism, chronic rheumatism, muscular rheumatism, articular rheumatism, sciatic rheumatism, lumbago or rheumatism of the back, Gout and Neuralgia in all its forms;

such as neuralgia of the stomach and bowels, neuralgia of the kidneys, neuralgia of the womb and ovaries, sick headache, etc., etc. The peculiar power of this remedy to relieve the severest cases of inflammatory rheumatism in a few hours is very wonderful. It removes the cause from the system and the disease quickly disappears. Dr. Detchon's Relief for Rheumatism."

The indictment was based upon a report by the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture showing that from analyses by the Bureau of Chemistry of said Department of samples taken from each of the aforesaid shipments, they were misbranded. Said analyses showed the drug denominated "Dr. Detchon's Relief for Rheumatism" to be a liquid preparation consisting principally of sodium salicylate, sugar, and water, and the drug denominated "Dr. Detchon's Relief for Rheumatism Tablets" to consist principally of sodium salicylate. Misbranding was alleged against each article in separate counts for the reason that the ingredients of which each of said products was shown by the aforesaid analyses to consist were without the therapeutic or curative properties claimed for them in the statements made on the labels as aforesaid, and the said statements in regard to the curative properties of said drugs were, therefore, false and misleading.

On May 17, 1911, the defendant was arraigned upon the indictment and pleaded guilty thereto, whereupon the court imposed a fine of \$200 with costs.

JAMES WILSON,
Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *August 25, 1911.*